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SUBJECT: A USG ROLE IN A CRITICL URBAN SITUATION

STATE/AID MESSAGE

REF: (A) KINGSTON 2040 (B) KINGSTON 0648

1. REFTELS DESCRIBE A UNIQUE SITUATION IN A POLITICALLY DYNAMIC, ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED SECTION OF KINGSTON. WESTERN KINGSTON HAS SUFFERED SEVERAL YEARS OF POLITICAL AND CIVIC VIOLENCE AND SERIOUS URBAN DISTRESS. RECENTLY, HOWEVER, THERE HAS SPRUNG UP A GRASS-ROOTS, SELF-HELP INITIATIVE OF IMPRESSIVE PROPORTIONS. PRIME MINISTER MANLEY AND OPPOSITION LEADER SEAGA HAVE PERSONALLY PARTICIPATED IN THE PEACE ACTIVITIES ARISING OUT OF THIS INITIATIVE. THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE IS WATCHING AND HOPING. THE WESTERN KINGSTON PEACE COMMITTEE HAS BECOME THE AFFECTED, COMMUNITY'S ACCEPTED LEADERSHIP. IT HAS ASKED THE USG FOR HELP. I WILL BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK FOR ARA CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE AND WOULD APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY
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WITH YOU.

2.AMONG OTHERS, WE ARE CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING:
(A) FOOD APPEARS TO BE THE MOST URGENT REQUIREMENT. A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL FEEDING TITLE II PROGRAM WAS CON-
CLUDED IN JAMAICA A FEW YEARS AGO. IS TITLE II A
POSSIBILITY?

(B) THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM IF PLANNING A PROJECT IN KINGSTON. SEE TOAID A-16, 1/18/78. SHOULD A MODIFIED OR NEW WFP PROJECT BE CONSIDERED?

(C) WE ARE REQUESTING A \$10 MILLION ADD-ON TO THE FY 78 COMMODITY IMPORT LOAN WITH THE COUNTERPART TO BE PROGRAMMED FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN WESTERN KINGSTON.

(D) ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR OPGS MIGHT BE REQUIRED. WE ALSO INTEND TO USE SOME OF OUR SDAF RESOURCES AND MAY REQUEST A SUPPLEMENTARY SDAF ALLOTMENT.

3. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE CONSULTING WITH YOU ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ALERTING THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION TO SEE IF IT IS INTERESTED AND CAN SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO KINGSTON PROMPTLY.
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